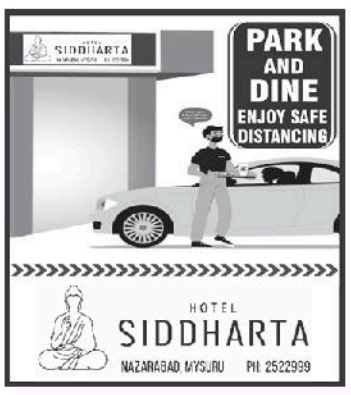

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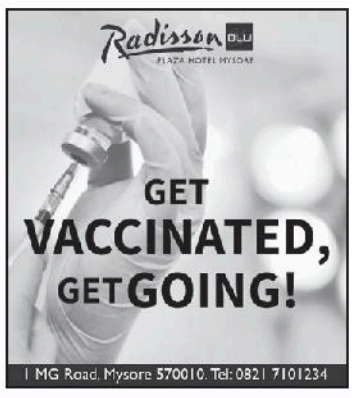


Markets open from tomorrow

Traders seen cleaning their shops at Devaraja Market in preparation for the opening tomorrow.

Mysuru, July 6 (PM&SSV)- After two months of hiatus, all markets in city are ready for re-opening from tomorrow following lifting of lockdown restrictions due to decrease in Corona positive cases.

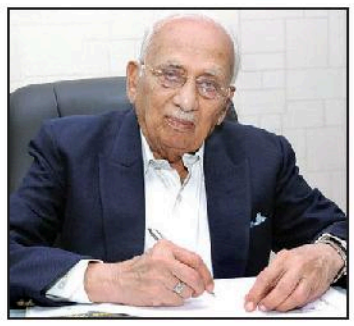
With this, all three old markets — Devaraja, Mandi and Vani Vilasa — will be throw open to Mysureans from tomorrow.

This morning, traders of Devaraja Market were busy in cleaning and dusting the shops. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had ordered the closure of all markets on May 7 when the number of Corona positive cases and deaths increased in city. Since then, these three markets were declared out of bound for citizens and all entry and exit points had been sealed.

The traders did not get relief when partial relaxation in lockdown rules was announced by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa last month.

(See MARKETS on page 6)

Mahajana Education Society Founder-President
Vasudeva Murthy passes away



R. Vasudeva Murthy

Mysuru, July 6- R. Vasudeva Murthy, Founder-President of Mahajana Education Society (MES), Jayalakshmipuram, passed away in the wee hours of today at his daughter's flat on Gokulam Road in V.V. Mohalla in city. He was 93.

He leaves behind his wife R.V. Saraswati, daughter Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, son-in-law Muralidhar Bhagavat, grandchildren Radhika, Swathi, Tejaswi and Yashaswi, great grandchildren and a host of well-wishers, relatives and friends. His son R. Ganesh had predeceased him several years ago.

(See MURTHY on page 7)

Thawar Chand Gehlot
is new Governor of Karnataka

New Delhi, July 6 (Agencies)- Union Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot has been appointed as Karnataka Governor and Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel was named as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué.

(See GOVERNOR on page 7)

After 73 years !

- MUDA reclaims property worth Rs. 25 crore on Kalidasa Road
- The CA site was allotted to Kaniyara Samaja for free in 1948

Mysuru, July 6 (RK&DM)- In the biggest reclamation of property in recent times, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on Monday reclaimed a corner site (Civic Amenities) on Kalidasa Road in Jayalakshmipuram, 73 years after allotment, on which a huge commercial building had come up in violation of norms. The value of the property is said to be about Rs. 25 crore.

According to MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, the then City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) had allotted the corner site measuring 15,600 sq.ft on Kalidasa Road, Third Block, Jayalakshmipuram, on Feb. 3,1948, for free to Kaniyara Seva Samaja for construction of a hostel for community students, with a set of conditions. But as the Kaniyara Samaja sought construction of a commercial building at the said site on Sept. 13, 1989, the MUDA at its general meeting held on July 31, 1992, permitted the construction, considering it as a special case.

But even before MUDA could grant permission for the construction in 1992, the Samaja, in violation of norms, entered into a contract with a private party on Aug. 14, 1991, for construction of the commercial building at the said site on a 27-year lease.

The commercial building was constructed facing Kalidasa Road leaving little space on the rear side, on which only 4 rooms were constructed as hostel rooms for namesake. But these rooms too were being used for commercial purposes.

(See MUDA on page 7)

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DOD: 06-07-2021

Sri. R. Vasudeva Murthy

President,
Mahajana Education Society

Sadly missed along life's way, no longer in our life to share, but in our hearts, you are always there. Your contribution to the Society, sense of discipline and punctuality will guide us throughout our life.

Deeply Mourned by:

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 6th July 2021

Tokyo Games (July 23 to Aug. 8)

Mary Kom, Manpreet Singh to be India's flag-bearers at opening ceremony

Mary Kom *Manpreet Singh*

New Delhi, July 6- Celebrated boxer Mary Kom and men's hockey team skipper Manpreet Singh will be flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of Tokyo Olympics.

One of India's biggest hopes, wrestler Bajrang Punia will be flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has communicated the decision in this regard to the Organising Committee of the Games. In a first, India is having two flag-bearers — one male and one female — at the upcoming Tokyo Games to ensure "gender parity".

This was recently informed by IOA Chief Narinder Batra. The country's lone individual Olympic gold-medallist Abhinav Bindra was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The Tokyo Games are scheduled to open on July 23 and over 100 Indian athletes would be gunning for podium finishes at the showpiece, which was postponed by a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At its Executive Board Meeting last year, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had made provisions for flag-bearers from both genders at the opening ceremony.

"...the IOC Executive Board also decided that there should be — for the first time ever — at least one female and one male athlete in every one of the 206 teams and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team participating at the Games of the Olympiad," IOC Chief Thomas Bach had said.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In her grief at losing her husband, actor and TV presenter Mandira Bedi has received heartfelt condolences but also traditionalist brickbats. That she was the one who performed the last rites, as also that she wore a tee & jeans to the funeral, have both been met with heavy online moral policing. Such policing and trolling takes place in the name of religion and convention regularly. Its patriarchal motivation is also obvious in that women are disproportionately targeted.

As for a tee & jeans being somehow inappropriate for a grave occasion, this is actually the most transparently misogynistic of moral policing. It is about keeping not only the behaviour and choices but even the dress of women severely restricted. It is about shaming and dis-empowering girls and women by capricious codes, that are also immensely violative of their privacy. The cruel and flawed logic of such trolling must be exposed so that the direction of humiliation shifts, women stand taller and moral policing ebbs away.

— *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pigeons vanish in 'Bermuda Triangle mystery'

London: 'Freak weather' has been blamed for hundreds of thousands of racing pigeons suddenly vanishing into thin air on the same day. Up to 250,000 birds were released in some 50 races all across Britain on Saturday, June 19, but only 10% managed to return in the expected time.

Thousands are still missing, and some have subsequently been spotted as far away as Holland and Majorca. The mass disappearance has prompted some to dub the date 'the worst day in the sport's history'.

Dene Simpson, race controller for the South West Wales Federation of pigeon fanciers, said the same also happened to him and his friends. A huge number of the birds they'd lovingly reared from chicks suddenly disappeared without a trace.

Dene said, "Some of our older members can recall an identical unexplained happening from about 60 years ago, but that was way before my time."

'Bad Uncle' makes a living scaring children

Beijing: A man has become popular in China for adopting the role of "bad uncle" and scaring strangers' children into finishing their meals and going to bed early.

The "bad uncle" is a more popular figure. Parents trying to get their kids to be more obedient can try the services of a bad uncle for hire, who will record a video of himself frowning and making faces at the camera to scare kids into listening to their parents, for a fee.

Luo Qingjun, who hails from Lishui City, in China's Zhejiang Province, reportedly played bad uncle for a friend's child, as a favor, but after recording a very effective video, his friend recommended him to other parents, and before he knew it, Luo became a bad uncle for-hire.

HEALTH CAPSULE

All individual with long standing Diabetes Mullitus should get their kidneys evaluated periodically. It helps in early detection of Diabetic kidney disease.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrology & Renal transplant

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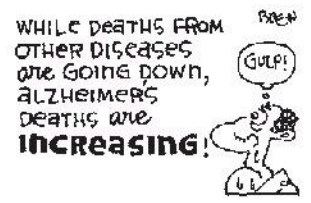

Almost two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease are women. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in America. This year alone, the cost of Alzheimer's and Dementia will exceed 277 billion dollars.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 4	JULY 5
Day's Positive Cases	162	371
Total Positive Cases	1,67,786	1,68,157
Day's Discharges	522	490
Total Discharges	1,61,780	1,62,270
Day's Deaths	9	6
Total Deaths	2,203	2,209
Total Active Cases	3,803	3,678

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

MGP's monthly virtual interaction on Ayurvedic medicinal system

Mysuru, July 6- The Mysore Grahakara Parishath (MGP) in its monthly virtual awareness-cum-interaction programme has invited Dr. T. N. Manjunath, who is a qualified practitioner of Ayurvedic Medicine and a scholar, to speak on how the Ayurvedic Medicinal System plays the force behind development of immunity for maintaining a sound health in the present pandemic situation. **The event will be held on July 11 (Sunday) at 4 pm.** MGP members and public who are desirous to interact with the speaker may contact Ph: 0821-2515150, register your mobile numbers and also forward the questions by mail to: *mygrapa@gmail.com* in advance. Questions during programme are not entertained due to paucity of time. Contact link to join the session will be provided to the mobile numbers registered apart from the MGP members group on that day.

REALLY...?

- ***Wristwatches were actually first designed for women. At the time watches were created it was the fashion for men to have a pocket watch. The first woman to wear a wrist watch was in fact Elizabeth I, which was gifted to her by Robert Dudley, her suspected lover. It became fashionable for men to start wearing wristwatches much later in history. The most expensive watch ever sold at auction is American actor Paul Newman's Rolex which was sold for $17.8million. At the time of its sale it broke world records.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Long time ago, people who sacrificed their sleep, family, food, laughter and other joys of life were called SAINTS.
But now, they are called IT professionals !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.17
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.24

VOICE OF THE READER

Make mask wearing mandatory at public places

Sir,

Many establishments, malls and tourist places have been thrown open now. Though these activities are required for reviving the economy, it is a matter of great concern for the citizens as the city is a major tourist attraction for people from Kerala and Bengaluru, for they are waiting for an outing. Hence as a precautionary measure I propose following suggestions for consideration by the District Administration:

1. Make wearing of mask compulsory in public places like malls, cinema halls, temples, shops, tourist places and while travelling in public transport. There is also a need to impose fines for establishments which allow people without mask.

In this regard I would appreciate the Police and other officials checking the people for wearing the mask during the lockdown period. This strict checking should continue even during unlock period. This single approach will greatly help in preventing the spread of COVID and abatement of third wave.

2. I have heard about the air purifier "Shycocan" developed by a Scientist from Indian Institute of Science. It is claimed it can be used to make the rooms virus-free. The claim need to be verified by statutory body. If it is efficient in eliminating the virus it should be made mandatory to install in all Schools, Colleges, temples, tourist places, Community Halls, Restaurants etc.

When restaurants and marriage halls are thrown open, it is difficult to make wearing mask compulsory. However installing such devices will help in preventing the spread of virus.

3. Vaccinating all the people is known to be most effective way in combating COVID-19. Hence this exercise need to be carried out on a war-footing.

—Dr. B. Gurudev Singh,
Scientist (Retired)
Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
5.7.2021

Achieve excellence over IT & Digital Technology: Karnataka Bank MD

Mysuru, July 6 (RK&SSV)- M.S. Mahabaleshwara, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Bank, has called upon youths who are aspiring to join banking services to achieve excellence over Information Technology and Digital Technology in the wake of digital revolution in the field of banking sector, thanks to increased banking literacy in the country.

He was speaking at the valedictory of 50-day online training programme for banking service recruitment examination on behalf of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examinations' Training Centre here yesterday.

The MD said the banking system was like a central nervous system of the country. Of late, the banking literacy was increasing. The Central Government schemes like Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile banking have taken banks to doorsteps of people. The digital revolution has completely revolutionised the banking sector. Banking was fast becoming popular among people. In the coming days, number of banks will reduce in the country. It was important for those who wish to enter this sector to hone their IT and digital technology skills, he said.

The candidates must read business dailies along with regular newspapers. Besides, they must closely follow rules and regulations enacted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Persons with honesty and hard work could join as ordinary worker and can reach top posts in banks. However, they must have an urge for knowledge and run behind knowledge but not behind promotion. Once they develop knowledge, promotion will automatically come in search of them, Mahabaleshwara said.

He said honesty was very important for people who wish to join banking service as people deposit their hard earned money in the banks. The bank employees were the custodians of this money. So, they need to adopt honesty and trust. Banking sector has given employment to 14 lakh people and an additional 50,000 to one lakh new posts were being created. "There is no short cut to achieve excellence as it will come from hard work and dedication," he observed.

Additional Director General of Police (Railways) Bhaskar Rao said they did not have that much of resources when they were preparing for the competitive examinations. Now, tons of information was available online. One who does self study must be careful as they need to have both online and offline coaching and training. Intensive and extensive preparation was very much required for candidates, he noted.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Registrar Prof. R.Rajanna, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. M. Mahadevan and KSOU Competitive Examinations' Training Centre Coordinator Jainahalli Sathyanarayanagowda and others were present.

45:45:10 ratio to promote II PU students

Bengaluru, July 6- Clearing the air on the yardstick that will be followed for promoting II PU students, the State Government on Monday told the Karnataka High Court that it will promote regular or fresher students of PU second year by giving 45 percent weightage for their marks in SSLC or equivalent board exams, 45 percent for I PU marks and 10 percent for their internal assessment marks of II PU given by their respective Colleges.

With this, the Pre-University Education Department has dropped the idea of giving grades on the marks cards.

The Government also told the Court that it will pass all repeaters of II PU exam by giving them minimum passing marks along with 5 percent grace marks in their respective subjects.

Even private candidates, who are appearing as repeaters, will be promoted by giving passing marks along with 5 percent grace marks. However, private candidates, who are appearing for the II PU exam for the first time, will have to appear for the exam that will be conducted when the COVID situation eases in the State. If the private candidates find it difficult to appear for the physical exam, they can appear for the exam to be conducted in the next academic year, for which the fee will be waived.

Calling post-matric SC students

Mysuru, July 6- The last date to apply for post-matric scholarship given by Social Welfare Department has been extended to July 15. The post-matric SC students of Mysuru taluk whose parents' annual income is less than Rs. 2.5 lakh, may apply online [ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in]. Eligible students may contact Asst. Director (Grade-1), Social Welfare Department, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram building, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal East Layout, Paduvarahalli, to get their Bank account linked with Aadhaar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

MLA distributes pension letters to 125 beneficiaries

Mysuru, July 6 (PM&SSV)- MLA L. Nagendra distributed sanction letters to 125 beneficiaries of various pension schemes under Social Security and Pension Scheme at a programme here yesterday. The Office of Nagendra and BJP workers of Chamaraja segment got pension sanctioned for many persons without any source of income. The beneficiaries did not have to run from pillar to post to get this work done since it was taken care of by BJP workers. Ratnambikadevi, Tahsildhar Grade-2 of Mysuru Taluk Office, Mahendra, Royalty Inspector, Bhyrappa, member, Aradhana Samithi and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted from July 6 to July 9 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Lakshmipuram, Nanjumalige, 5-Light Circle, Sarada Vilas and surrounding areas. Also, power supply will be disrupted on July 7 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: RMP Layout, Kanakanagar, Preethi Layout, Sushila Shankara Layout, REC Layout and surrounding areas.

Mysore Palace timings for visitors

The Mysore Palace, which was closed for visitors since April 24 following the second wave of COVID-19, is now open to public between 10 am and 5.30 pm (from July 5) with all COVID guidelines in place. Visitors may buy tickets at the Palace ticket counter or book tickets online *[www.mysorepalace.gov.in]*.

Auction of fruits

The Horticulture Department will auction Sapota and Guava fruits grown in Horticultural farms and Baage trees grown in Hunsur Horticultural farm through e-tender. Also, Horticultural produce grown in Rangasamudra and Varachi Horticultural farms will be auctioned through e-tender, while the produce grown in other Horticultural farms will be auctioned locally or through manual tenders. The last date for submission of tenders with a fee of Rs. 25 at the office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture at Mysuru is July 16. The sealed tenders will be opened at the office at 11.30 am on July 16.

Minister launches ration kits distribution by Mysuru Citizens Forum

Mysuru, July 6 (PM&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar symbolically launched distribution of 1,000 Ration Kits provided by Mysuru Citizens Forum (MCF) for COVID-affected families (artistes and labourers) at a programme organised at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday in the divine presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who is also the President of MCF.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Pratap Simha said that Suttur Swamiji, true to his stature, has joined hands with the District Administration in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, which has brought untold miseries to crores of families across the country.

Lauding the efforts of Suttur Mutt in extending help to the people in these critical times, Simha said that the Seer has been the guiding force to the people, who are in distress due to the crisis.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, in his address, recalled that the MCF had extended all possible help when the pandemic broke out last year by providing free ration and medical kits to affected people.

Recalling the efforts of the MCF in building houses for affected people of North Karnataka who were devastated by floods and rains in 2009, Somashekar said that he has been getting numerous calls from different quarters seeking the help of Suttur Mutt for tiding over the current crisis.

The Minister thanked the Seer and the Mutt for their continuous support and help to the District Administration at a time when the State is battling a pandemic like never before.

Out of the 1,000 kits, 500 kits will be distributed to troubled artistes and labourers in the first stage now and to other sections in the second stage later.

MCF Member-Secretary R. Vasudeva Bhat, Convenor R. Mahesh, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath, Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, former MLA Suneetha Veerappagowda, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh & MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev were present.

Minute leaders making nonsensical charges against BSY, says Somashekar

Speaking to press persons after the programme, Somashekar, referring to comments made by some disgruntled BJP leaders who took to Dasara analogy for targeting Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY), said that such leaders were minute in stature as compared to Yediyurappa.

Noting that leaders who do not have any base and lost the polls, were often making statements on change of leadership in the State, Somashekar asserted that the BJP will fight the next Assembly polls under the leadership of Yediyurappa.

In an apparent reference to Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeshwar, Somashekar said that those who are incapable of even winning Local Body polls, are making nonsensical statements against BSY.

Replying to a question on lockdown relaxations in the district, Somashekar said that the relaxations have been announced following the drastic drop in case Test Positivity Rate in Mysuru.

"Despite the lockdown relaxations, there is no letting down of guard and there will be no complacency in adhering to Government guidelines. The people should strictly follow COVID appropriate behaviour in order to keep the deadly pandemic in check and also to prevent possible third wave," he pointed out.

He further said, Health Minister Dr. Sudhakar, who visited the city last week, has given some important tips on the measures to be taken for preventing any subsequent waves of the deadly pandemic in any form or variant.

When asked about vaccine shortage in the district, Somashekar said that the Government, in a bid to start colleges, has prioritised vaccination of students and college staff. Asserting that there is no dearth of vaccines, he said that people of all eligible age groups will be vaccinated as quickly as possible and there need not be any doubts regarding this.

Replying to a question on under-reporting or under-counting of COVID deaths in district, Somashekar said that Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has given his inputs regarding the issue.

Death Audit Committee to visit city shortly

Arguing that the deaths were not accounted for properly ever since the second wave of the virus attack, he said that a death audit has been ordered for corrective action and to arrive at the exact numbers of death toll. A Death Audit Committee will be visiting the city shortly to ascertain and verify the facts, he said and added that those found guilty in the audit report must be punished for their wrongdoings.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	90.52	feet
Yesterday	:	90.98	feet
Inflow	:	1,468	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,597	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,276.03	feet
Inflow	:	1,042	cusecs
Outflow	:	750	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,842.44	feet
Inflow	:	375	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Congress to launch 'Sahayahastha' programme

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&DM)- With the Congress deciding to launch month-long 'Sahayahastha' programme across the State for the benefit of COVID-affected families, KPCC Working President and former MP R. Dhruvanarayan released the features of the proposed initiative at a preparatory meeting held at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dhruvanarayan said that the initiative would be launched following instructions from AICC President Sonia Gandhi.

Pointing out that the term 'Sahayahastha' was jointly coined by KPCC President and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, he said that party workers will visit the houses of COVID-affected and instil confidence in them.

Noting that top party leaders will be appointed in-charge of the programme in every district, Dhruvanarayan said that former Minister M.S. Atmananda and Manjula Naidu have been appointed in-charge of Mysuru district.

Recalling that the Congress had launched 'Arogya Mitra' initiative when the pandemic broke out last year, he said that Congress will do everything possible to help COVID-affected families.

Charging CM B.S. Yediyurappa of not visiting Chamarajanagar even after at least 24 COVID deaths were reported on a single day at Chamarajanagar District Hospital in the first week of May, the KPCC Working President urged the Government for more compensation to the families.

Cycle Jatha on July 7

Strongly condemning the rising fuel prices, Dhruvanarayan said that the Congress will take out a Cycle Jatha on July 7 at all taluk headquarters of the State in protest against record high prices. Opposition Leader and former CM Siddharamaiah has been appealed to launch the Jatha, he added.

MLAs Tanveer Sait and H.P. Manjunath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar and Kalale Keshavamurthy, former Minister M.S. Atmananda, leaders Manjula Naidu, H.A. Venkatesh, Ganesh, Ayub Khan and others were present.

Cauvery Gallery in city to open next month

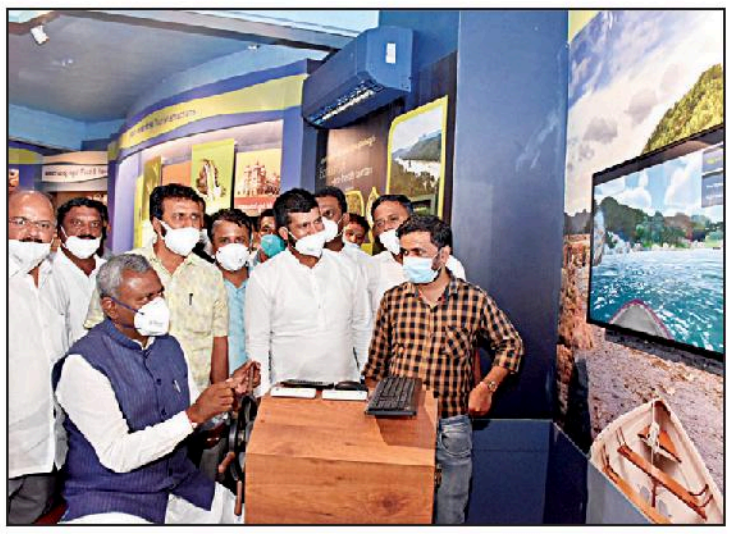
- **CM to inaugurate audio-visual 3D experience theatre**
- **Set up at KEA premises, this is the third such Gallery dedicated to rivers in India**

Mysuru, July 6 (SBD&BCT)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will open the Cauvery Gallery that has been set up at Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Grounds, next month. All the proposed works have been completed and the beautification has been done. The Gallery will be open to the public after inauguration.

As a prelude to the inauguration by the CM, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the Gallery at Kannada Karanji Building last evening and was impressed by the audio-visual experience.

He viewed the 3D presentation of the visually appealing Gallery that showcases the life, culture and biodiversity along the River from its birth at Talacauvery in Kodagu till it reaches the Bay of Bengal at Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu.

The exhibits at the Gallery also include multimedia features and electronic display to provide the visitors an immersive experience of life and culture along the Cauvery River. Spending some time at the Gallery along with other elected representatives and officials, Somashekar said that the Gallery would become a must-visit destination for tourists. He asked the Gallery creators to maintain it well to provide top-notch information to the visitors.



The Gallery, built jointly by Karnataka Knowledge Commission and Tourism Department, highlights the geological and ecological characteristics of Cauvery River apart from projecting the social and cultural characteristic features of civilisation that have evolved along the river bank. National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) is the implementing agency.

15,000 square feet area

The Cauvery Gallery here is the third such one in the country. There is a Gallery for River Brahmaputra in Guwahati and River Ganga has a Gallery in Allahabad. The Cauvery Gallery has been built in an area of 15,000 square feet.

Artefacts and dolls tell the story of Cauvery River from Talacauvery (birthplace in Kodagu) to Poompuhar. Pictures, live visuals, models of the river flowing from one part to another criss-crossing the hills and plains narrate the story giving an audio-visual and also pictorial presentation to the viewer.

Adding human presence amidst nature, the story also narrates about human settlements and temples on the banks of the river along with places of tourist interest. Various communities that have a close affinity with Cauvery like the Kodava community find representation. Also, prominent waterfalls like Shimsha, rugged terrain like Mekedatu and picturesque Hogennakal have been featured.

Ancient art and architecture

The Gallery is the pet project of Karnataka Knowledge Commission Chairman Prof. K. Kasturirangan, who is a retired Director, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Along with the presentation of nature, the Gallery is also highlighting art and architecture of Cholas, Gangas and Hoysalas, who ruled the land for centuries.

One of its main attractions is the 3D theatre where movies and documentaries on Cauvery are screened. Movies on conserving the river, increasing green cover around the river for sustenance, places and industries polluting the river will be shown to spread awareness.

Accompanying Minister Somashekar during his visit were MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham and KEA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Girish.

SHRADDHANJALI

BIRTH: 28th March 1928

DEATH: 6th July 2021

Sri. R. VASUDEVA MURTHY

President, MES
Mentor Mahajana Education Society, Mysore

Your presence we miss, Your memories we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting You never.

Deeply Mourned by : Wife R.V. Saraswati, Daughter Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Son-in-law Muralidhar Bhagavat, Grand daughters and their husbands, Great grand children, Rattehalli family and MLR family, Staff and students of Mahajana Education Society, Mysore.

District Minister inaugurates MCDCC Bank branch at Hebbal

District Minister S.T. Somashekar distributing a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to a women Self-Help Group (SHG) marking the inauguration of the Hebbal branch of MCDCC Bank as others look on.

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurated a new branch of MCDCC (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central) Bank at Hebbal (Surya Bakery Road) in city this morning.

This is the 31st branch of the Bank which covers Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

The Minister symbolically distributed cheques of Rs. 5 lakh each to two women Self-Help Groups (SHG) — Siddalingapura's Adishakti Women SHG and Old Kesare's Srilakshmi Women's Co-op. Society — marking the inauguration of the branch.

MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, CEO G.C. Janardhan, General Manager M.T. Shashidhar, Hebbal Branch Manager T. Venkatachala, Directors Manju Gowda, M. Kumar, Nagendra Kumar, H.K. Nagaprasad and M.P. Sunil were present.

Planting drive launched

Somashekar later attended Jansangh Founder Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's birth anniversary programme at Vijayangar, where he launched the planting of 15,000 saplings at Vijayanagar Fourth Stage.

Speaking on the occasion, Somashekar said that taking proper care of saplings after planting is key for the promotion of green cover.

Stressing on the need for active involvement of citizens in plant nurturing, he lauded the efforts of MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev for launching planting drives on a massive scale covering entire city and outskirts.

MP Pratap Simha, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MLA L. Nagendra, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, MUDA Members Lakshmidevi, Naveen Kumar and others were present.

Later, Somashekar travelled to Dattagalli, where he launched tree planting drive at the park in Dattagalli F-Block, marking the birth anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

'Corona Warriors' feted

Four 'Corona Warriors' — MCC Zone-3 Development Officer Satyamurthy, Health Inspector Prakash, Kuvempunagar PHC Medical Officer Dr. Priyadarshini and Kuvempunagar Police Station Head Constable Chikkabasavegowda — were felicitated on the occasion.

Corporator Lakshmi Kiran, City BJP President T.S.Srivatsa, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, BJP leaders Ravishankar, Vaneesh Kumar, Hemagangappa, Kiran Madegowda and others were present.

Markets open from tomorrow

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Subsequently, a delegation of Devaraja Market had met Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham and requested him to direct the MCC to order re-opening of all markets. Based on the request, the DC allowed re-opening of markets from July 7 (tomorrow) but with strict instructions to follow the safety protocols.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, **Mahadev,** President of Devaraja Market Tenants' Association, said: "Cleaning of shops are going on in the entire market. It is learnt that MCC Officers and District Minister S.T. Somashekar are planning to visit the markets to see the preparations. Citizens will be asked to wear face masks and maintain social distancing. Besides we will install hands-free sanitiser stands at various points. We will also take all precautionary measures to check the spreading of COVID-19 pandemic."

LOW TURNOUT

Meanwhile, the number of vendors at M.G. Road vegetable and fruit market was very negligible today. Hardly, 20-25 farmers were found selling vegetables in the market.

Nagaraj, an office-bearer of M.G. Market Traders Association, said that they had submitted a memorandum to the MCC authorities on June 29 seeking permission to resume business and got it the next day with instruction to follow guidelines.

"Traders had agreed to do business on turns. The Association has 495 members of which 120 sell green vegetables. Only a small number of farmers are into business. The number of traders in this market will increase from tomorrow," he added.

The MCC had shifted this market to Bandipalya APMC Yard on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road when the number of Corona positive cases increased. Last week, some traders had come to M.G. Road Market along with the produces after being 'misled' by some persons that the State Government had allowed resumption of business in the original location. Later, Police intervened and sent them back to Bandipalya due to non-receipt of orders from the Government on re-opening of markets.

No entry to Chamundi Hill during *Ashada Shukravara*

Mysuru, July 6 (BCT)- Like last year, devotees will be banned for Ashada Friday celebrations at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in the backdrop of COVID-19 regulatory measures. Devotees will not be allowed to have *darshan* of the deity at the Hill Temple on all Ashada Fridays this year and also at Tripura Sundari Jwalamukhi Temple at Uthanahalli.

Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham has issued the order today that said as per the customs and tradition, the religious rituals should be performed only in attendance of Temple Priests, officers and staff.

This year, the Ashada month will start on July 9 with Ashada *Amavasya*. Ashada Friday *pujas* are scheduled on July 16, 23, 30 (also Vardhanti of the Goddess Chamundeshwari) and Aug 6. *Bheemana Amavasya puja* falls on Aug. 8 Devotees are also barred from visiting the temples on weekend, Sunday and general holidays during the period.

Devotees throng Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, July 6 (SSV)- Hundreds of devotees thronged Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in the town which was re-opened after a gap of two months, yesterday.

The temple was closed down for public from April 16 to July 4 following increase in Corona positive cases in district.

At the sunrise, hundreds of people from various places took a holy bath in River Kapila, entered temple to have *darshan* of Lord Srikanteshwara, the presiding deity of Nanjangud.

Traders of *puja* items such as coconut, incense sticks, flowers and fruits, were happy to see the steady flow of tourists after nearly eight weeks.

The State Government has only allowed *darshan* but put restriction on *sevas* and distribution of *prasada* and *tirtha* (holy water) to devotees, said Ravindra, Executive Officer of the Temple.

Mysuru Rail Museum to reopen from tomorrow

Mysuru, July 6- The Mysuru Rail Museum will be open to public from tomorrow (July 7) consequent on easing of lockdown restrictions in city.

Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has urged the Rail Museum visitors to adopt a COVID Appropriate Behaviour during their time in the Museum premises.

He has sought the co-operation of public to maintain a safe environment inside the Museum. Wearing of face masks properly together with social distancing is mandatory for the visitors, the DRM said in the press release.

The Rail Museum will be open from 10 am to 5.30 pm daily except on Tuesdays (closed holiday).

CLEANING ON

Meanwhile, cleaning of the exhibition items is going on and it is expected to complete by evening. Senthil Kumar, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, SWR Mysuru, is supervising the cleaning work before throwing open Rail Museum to public from tomorrow.

As many as 15 labourers are engaged in the cleaning work. A Coach Café is getting prepared to serve food and beverages to the visiting tourists.

Vasudeva Murthy passes away

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A host of VIPs and dignitaries including District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath, Rotarians, MES Governing Council Members, College staff, students and others paid their last respects to the departed soul.

Apart from being the Founder-President of MES, Vasudeva Murthy was the Past President of Rotary Mysore and was also the Rotary District Governor. He was the Past President of Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) and Chinmaya Mission too.

The mortal remains were kept at his residence, next to his daughter's flat in V.V. Mohalla for the public to pay their last respects. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Profile

Born on March 28, 1928, R. Vasudeva Murthy was the son of philanthropist and businessman late Rattehalli Ramappa and Bhagyalakshamma couple of Sagar in Shivamogga. Ramappa had moved to Mysuru over 7 decades ago as Bhagyalakshamma, who had got operated in Bengaluru was advised rest by the doctors and Ramappa thought that Mysuru was a better place for his wife to take rest. The family was into various businesses like oil mills and rice mills before venturing into educational institutions. The Mahajana Educational Institutions comprises Mahajana Public School, Mahajana PU College, Mahajana First Grade College, Mahajana PG Centre and Mahajana Law College.

The family also owns Prabha Theatre on Old Bank Road in city.

Incidentally, Vasudeva Murthy was one of the driving forces behind the construction of Chirashantidhama, a modern, clean and well-laid-out crematorium in Gokulam, along with Industrialist late K.V. Murthy and others.

It may be recalled that *Star of Mysore* had published an exclusive interview with Vasudeva Murthy in its Special Issue dated Feb. 16, 2019 under the headline **'Mahatma follower at the helm of Mahajana: Journey of nonagenarian-stithaprajna R. Vasudeva Murthy.'**

To a question, 'How do you feel looking back at 90 years now? Do you want to live up to 100?,' Vasudeva Murthy had said: "I am not keen on living for 100 years. Whatever I could do I have done up to my capacity but not that I have done anything great. I am quite happy with whatever I have achieved; I am not ambitious or avaricious. I will take life as it comes."

He was a legend: BVB Chairman

Sri R. Vasudeva Murthy was an ornament to the Rattehalli family. He had become a legend in Mysuru city by establishing Mahajana High School and Mahajana College in addition to starting a PG Diploma in Tourism Management. It was headed by Prof. K.S. Nagapathi and I had the good fortune of delivering some lectures on tourist monuments in Mysuru city.

Vasudeva Murthy

Vasudeva Murthy was also a former Vice-Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru. He was famous for social work in Mysuru city and neighbouring areas. He was rich enough, but he used most of that money in philanthropy. Such persons are very rare. Some of us had seen him going for a morning walk and he used to enquire about our welfare with a smile. All of us miss that smile forever.

We received the news of his passing away today in the early morning. Most of us did not believe this news as he was healthy and in good cheers.

On behalf of BVB, Mysuru, we miss him forever. Vasudeva Murthy lived according to the dictum of Rig Veda 'One has to live so that future generations would remember him forever.'

On behalf of BVB, Mysuru, we pray to the Almighty to rest his soul in peace and give his family, relatives and friends the strength to bear the great loss. Hope all of you will say Amen."

— Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy (BVB Chairman), K.B. Ganapathy (Vice-Chairman) and P.S. Ganapathy (Secretary)

Looking back 60 years ago...

K. Vijaya Kumar, former Joint Director of Information & Publicity, in his condolence message said: "While condoling the death of R. Vasudeva Murthy, my memory went back to about 60 years ago in the company of A. Ramanna of Vijaya and T.S. Subbanna of Sarvajanika Vidyarthi Nilaya with whom he had close association in helping the education of rural students, which noble qualities of his continued in running his prestigious Mahajana Educational Institutions in a model way. My contacts with him became closer after I moved in to the present apartment on Gokulam Main Road, which is closer to his residence. Less said the better about rendering the services through various platforms in Mysuru. Pray for his soul to rest in peace."

Babu Jagjivan Ram remembered

District Minister S.T. Somashekar offering floral tributes to the statue of former Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram at the City Railway Station Circle in city this morning on the occasion of the 35th death anniversary of the late leader. MLAs L. Nagendra and Tanveer Sait, Acting Mayor Anwar Baig, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda and others were present.

Thawar Chand Gehlot is new Governor of Karnataka

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This is a major reshuffle of Governors carried out today by the Narendra Modi Government amid a buzz around an expected reshuffle of Cabinet. Eight States have got new Governors now.

Gehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, is a prominent Dalit leader. He served as the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment in the Modi Government. Besides, he also served as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha. He is a member of the Parliamentary Board and the Central Election Committee of the BJP.

The present Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Rudhabhai Vala's five-year term ended on Sept. 1, 2019 and was given an extension by the Centre. But as Vala is facing health issues, the Centre was mulling on appointing a new Governor to the State.

President Ram Nath Kovind has approved today's appointments. Hari Babu Kambhampati and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar have been appointed as Governors of Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh respectively. Kambhampati succeeds P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, who has been transferred and appointed as Governor of Goa, the communiqué said.

Arlekar replaces Bandaru Dattatraya who has been transferred and appointed as Haryana Governor. Satyadev Narayan Arya, Governor of Haryana is transferred and appointed as Governor of Tripura, the statement said. Tripura Governor Ramesh Bais has been transferred and appointed as Governor of Jharkhand, it said.

Obituary

N. Samba Murthy

Mysuru, July 6 - N. Samba Murthy (83), Founder-Librarian at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and entrepreneur – Aparna Books and Periodicals, Informedia Technologies and Book Krafts, passed away at his residence in V.V. Mohalla yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this morning, according to family sources.

MUDA reclaims property worth Rs. 25 crore on Kalidasa Road

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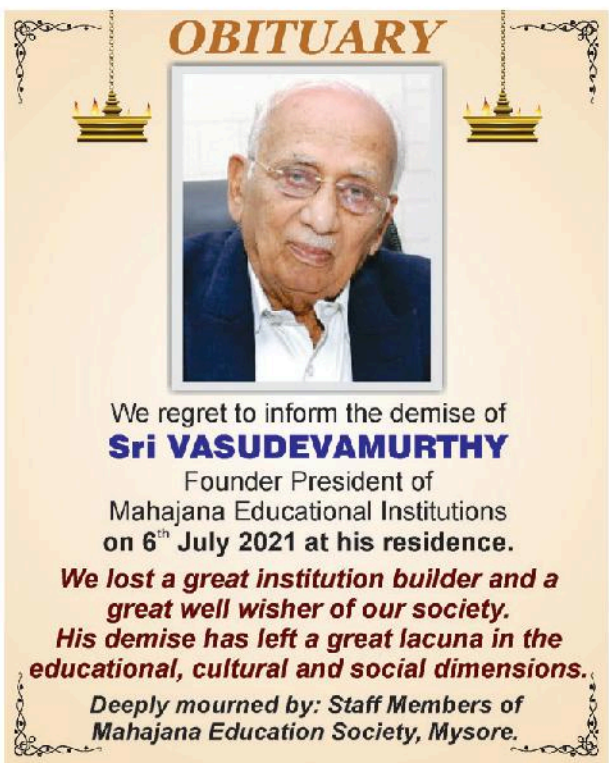
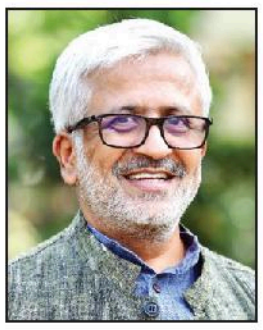
Twenty-four years later, the then MUDA Commissioner on Sept. 7, 2015, issued a notice to the Samaja for gross violation of conditions and other norms. But the Samaja failed to reply to the notice and MUDA too did not take any action for five years.

Thereafter, the issue came up at a MUDA meeting held on Mar. 7, 2020. One year later, the MUDA at its another meeting held on Mar. 20, 2021, decided to cancel the allotment of the site to Kaniyara Samaja on the grounds that it was used for the purpose other than that it was granted for and also gross violation of the set of conditions issued at the time of allotment. Accordingly, the MUDA on Monday, cancelled the allotment made to Kaniyara Samaja and reclaimed the corner site (Site No. 1) on Kalidasa Road in Jayalakshmipuram, Dr. Natesh said in a press release yesterday. He further said that with the reclamation of the prime property, MUDA is expected to earn a monthly rent of Rs. 5 lakh to 6 lakh every month. After reclamation of the property, the MUDA has erected a name board saying that the property belongs to MUDA. MUDA Commissioner Dr. D. B. Natesh, SE Shankar and other officials took part in the reclamation drive.


OBITUARY
We regret to inform the demise of
Sri VASUDEVAMURTHY
Founder President of
Mahajana Educational Institutions
on 6th July 2021 at his residence.
We lost a great institution builder and a great well wisher of our society.
His demise has left a great lacuna in the educational, cultural and social dimensions.
Deeply mourned by: Staff Members of
Mahajana Education Society, Mysore.

PM's vision is to transform *Karmachari* to *Karmayogi*



Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and a leadership trainer from Mysuru, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (Balu) has taken charge as Member - Human Resources in the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) that is a part of National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) — Mission Karmayogi.

NPCSCB has been designed to lay the foundations for capacity building for civil servants. Following his new responsibility, Dr. Balasubramaniam has moved to New Delhi now.

In a free-wheeling chat with *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Balasubramaniam outlines the PM's vision, the tasks cut out for him and his team. Excerpts...

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Star of Mysore (SOM): Can you share with us your experience of meeting the Prime Minister.

Dr. Balasubramaniam: I am not a person who gets easily carried away by a personality, but the PM was extremely insightful, inspirational and practical about *Mission Karmayogi* that is his brainchild. Hearing him, I realised that he has been thinking about citizen-centric governance since years and how to make India future-ready and for it you need a future-fit India.

SOM: What are the key takeaways from the discussion with the PM?

Dr. Balasubramaniam: He spoke to us for nearly one-and-a-half hours explaining the entire purpose and idea behind capacity-building, why he chose us and what he is expecting from us. He was very practical and at the same time had ample clarity of what he wanted. It is to build capacity for civil servants so that they remain entrenched in Indian culture and sensibilities and remain connected with their roots while they learn from the best institutions and practices across the world. The PM said *Rashtra Bhakti* is the primary requirement and bureaucracy must work towards citizen-centric governance. And we are building capacity for them.

SOM: Can you explain some of your roles and responsibilities?

Dr. Balasubramaniam: Basically the bureaucracy that we have now is inherited from the British and the British trained the bureaucracy to follow rules set by them. This has not changed even now. The Prime Minister wants us to support transition from 'rules-based' to 'roles-based' governance and aligning work allocation of civil servants by matching their competencies to the requirements of the post. In the first phase we are targeting 50 lakh civil servants which is a huge number. The entire scope of work involves all public servants.

There are over 4 crore public servants in India and we need to bring in transformation from a *karmachari* to *karmayogi* and each public servant must think that he is in that position for *seva* — to serve people.

SOM: Do you think the Capacity Building Commission would bring about transformational change in the civil service?

Dr. Balasubramaniam: Yes, definitely. Normally, all training is given to top bureaucrats — IAS, IPS, IFS and so on. We started work and planning for the ecosystem three months ago though we formally took charge last week. There are hundreds of training institutions to train bureaucrats and the focus has always been on training the top 29,000-odd Government servants.

Actually, the officers who are facing citizens in their day-to-day work are not trained on a citizen-centric approach. A major chunk of Indians' contact with bureaucrats is primarily with a lower-rung officer or a local village official handling land issues and higher up in the hierarchy, a Tahsildar or they mostly interact with a beat Constable, Head Constable or a Sub-Inspector. We felt that what is needed is a bottom-up approach or rather I would call it bottom-across approach where all officers are covered. This is altogether a new approach and no one has thought about it so far.

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam presenting three books to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi last week.

> **"The PM said *Rashtra Bhakti* is the primary requirement and bureaucracy must work towards citizen-centric governance. And we are building capacity for them."**

SOM: So in other words your team will make a bureaucrat more creative, constructive, professional and technology-enabled.

Dr. Balasubramaniam: We will be directly reporting to the PM and a Special Purpose Vehicle has been set up and a digital platform called iGOT (Indian Government Online Training) has been created that brings the scale and state-of-the-art infrastructure to augment the capacities of officers.

At present, all the 739 Government training institutes in India function in siloes and they don't share resources and without contact with each other. We intend to break the compartments.

SOM: Tell us something about your immediate task.

Dr. Balasubramaniam: *Mission Karmayogi* is a holistic approach to civil servant training and career development. It will include an annual capacity building plan for all departments with the aim of ensuring efficient service delivery, the setting of benchmarks to encourage and monitor civil servants' development and a focus on technology-based learning.

We are immediately designing a course that every citizen-facing public servant must pass and we will be deploying it based on technology. We will do a massive pan-India survey to glean what the citizen expects from the Government. We will have to see what the public perception about the Government is. Or rather what do the Government servants *per se* feel about their work and why are they inspired for what they are doing. We will have to capture the common thread and design a course.

SOM: Successive Governments have attempted civil services reforms but...

Dr. Balasubramaniam: Earlier, reforms were only recommendatory in nature. Capacity Building Commission is an independent executive commission focusing not on reforming people but it builds capacity of people to perform better in the long term. It is reforms to perform and transform the system, thereby transforming the nation.

We will bring progressive incremental change in the capacity, not immediate change. Even PM Modi told us to gradually focus on change. The transformation is not immediate and it does not have a fixed term. It is a permanent process. Whoever inherits the office of the Capacity Building Commission will see betterment of abilities and thereby deliver the national aspirations. We will not just recommend capacity building but implement it too. And capacities keep changing as the country evolves.

SOM: How do you think your experience in working with the grassroots helps with your new job?

Dr. Balasubramaniam: My Public Administration education at Harvard University and development work with rural and tribal people for 37 years have helped me clearly understand what a citizen looks forward to from a Government. In our country, we cannot function without a Government. We in fact cannot live without the Government and we need to have systems to stay and also perform efficiently.

NGOs and the private sector cannot deliver on citizen aspirations, this I can very well tell you out of my own experience. We cannot supplant the Government; rather we can only supplement the Government. Only a Government can deliver at a macro level that will benefit billions of people.

My mandate would be to package my learning and experience to pedagogy for on-demand learning and hands-on domain knowledge. I believe in setting benchmarks to encourage capacity building with technology-based learning. This is preparing the system for the future.

SOM: Tell us about the books you presented to PM Modi.

Dr. Balasubramaniam: The first book was *'I, The Citizen'* that was in fact released five to six years ago at the Prime Minister's Office. PM Modi was not there and he had asked Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh to release the book. At that time I was told that the PM had read the book. Next I gave him *'Voices from the Grassroots'* and *'Leadership Lessons for Daily Living.'*

The PM had sent a word that he needed a copy of the books and it was a privilege to me. Any day for any author if someone calls up and says I have read your book and it was great, your day is made. Here the Prime Minister himself evinced keen interest and asked me for copies. Giving them personally to him was a moment to cherish.

Wild elephants that had strayed into human habitat face villagers' wrath

Escape route blocked, stones pelted on pachyderms

Hunsur, July 6 (Raghu&KS)- Three wild elephants that had accidentally strayed into human habitat, had to face the wrath of villagers, who, not only blocked the elephants' escape route, but also pelted big stones on the already scared animals.

The incident took place near Hale Panjalli and finally, the Forest Department personnel managed to drive the scared elephants back to the forest.

On Friday night, three wild elephants that had strayed into the human habitat from Veeranahosahalli Forest Range in Nagarahole National Park had eaten away the crops. The next day morning, the elephants, unable to go back into the forest, had stayed put in Lakshmanatheertha River.

Villagers, on hearing the news of the three elephants that had destroyed their crops, had stayed put in the river, assembled on the river bank on either sides in large numbers, began to shout and scare the pachyderms besides pelting big stones on them. Though the elephants tried to escape from being pelted with stones, the villagers followed them by shouting and pelting stones on them continuously. Unable to escape, the scared elephants were seen trumpeting and wandering in the river.

Though Veeranahosahalli Range Forest Officer (RFO) Naman Narayana Naika and other Forest Department staff made efforts to drive the elephants back to the forest, the elephants were unable to get out of the river as the escape route was blocked by the villagers, who were still shouting and making noises, thus scaring the elephants further.

Finally, Rural Police Inspector Chikkaswamy and staff arrived at the spot and dispersed the crowd. It was only then the Forest staff opened fire in the air and burst crackers. The elephants then returned to the forest via Tibetan camp at Gurupura.

Meanwhile, the villagers, alleging that the Forest Department had failed to prevent elephant menace and provide compensation on time, blocked the vehicle of Forest Department officials and sought immediate payment of compensation.

Inspector Chikkaswamy managed to convince villagers and RFO Naman Narayana Naika assured the villagers of getting them adequate compensation for their loss. It was only then the villagers gave way for the Forest officials' vehicle to pass.

Songs on Corona rocks social media

Mysuru, July 6 (SBD&SSV)- A song, composed on COVID-19 pandemic theme, has become a hit in the social media.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Manapura, Associate Professor, Department of Folklore, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore, has penned and presented a song in Kannada in folk style titled "Corona Abhiyana" about the second wave of pandemic.

The song propagates the importance of getting used to staying indoors to avoid spreading the mutant waves of the epidemic infecting the people of our country. It also conveys the message that no one must forget to wear mask, wash hands frequently, maintain social distance, follow Government guidelines and accept the recommendations of doctors.

The song also explains the importance of getting tested for pandemic and getting vaccination. It tells "do not perform rituals to remove germs, do not perform blind acts." The song narrates that all of us Indians have to unitedly remove the stumbling block of this Corona effect. The COVID-19 song in Tamil titled "Corona Yerimalai" ("Corona Volcano") sung by P. Praneel, a sixth standard student of St. Joseph's Central School, Mysuru, has also become a hit in the social media.

He is son of Premkumar P. Wellington, who works in All India Radio, Mysuru and Dr. Vijayalakshmi Manapura.

It may be recalled that Dr. Vijayalakshmi's song 'Corona Bandaite Jopaana' during the first wave of the pandemic too had received good response from the netizens.

Wealth from waste provides succour to poor families

Mysuru, July 6 (SSV)- Do you have waste materials at home? Don't worry contact Mysuru Mega Recycle Drive and Swarna Nrisimha Datta Sai Peethika Seva Trust who come, collect and sell it and the proceeds from that will be used to distribute the grocery kits to poor, old and orphaned. This novel programme was launched in City recently. Till recently, Dr. Sayyed Baker of Mysuru Mega Recycle Trust, was helping COVID-hit patients from the proceeds of unused items stored in houses.

Now, Seva Trust has joined hands in this endeavour, as per directions from Sri Venkatachala Guru Maharaj and Sri Arjuna Avadhoota Maharaj.

On the first day of joint effort, they have managed to collect four loads of unused waste and broken materials like broken furniture, plastic items, old newspapers and books, beds, mattresses and non-working electronic goods, from the houses of devotees.

Later, they were shifted to the scrap yard in Agrahara where it was segregated and sold. The proceeds was used on buying groceries, which was distributed among people in distress. Both the organisations have appealed to the devotees to extend co-operation in this regard.

Beggars back on streets...

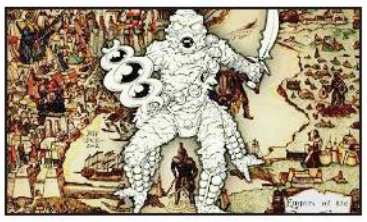
Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&SSV)- Thanks to lockdown relaxation, beggars are back on the streets to seek alms from the public by keeping the children in front.

They had disappeared from the streets after the State Government clamped strict lockdown to check spreading of the Coronavirus. Now, with relaxation extended up to 9 pm, these beggars have comeback with the babies to seek alms from the motorists passing on main roads, traffic junctions and important circles.

Either Mysuru City Corporation or any Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) must come forward to help by providing them with food at least till the COVID situation improves.

WORD OF THE DAY

Inimical



Pronunciation: ih-NIM-ih-kul.
Meaning: Being adverse often by reason of hostility or malevolence; having the disposition of an enemy : hostile; reflecting or indicating hostility : unfriendly.
Origin: In inimical, one finds both a friend and an enemy. The word descends from Latin inimicus, which combines amicus, meaning "friend," with the negative prefix in-, meaning "not." In current English, inimical rarely describes a person, however. Instead, it is generally used to describe forces, concepts, or situations that are in some way harmful or hostile. For example, high inflation may be called "inimical" to economic growth. Inimicus is also an ancestor of enemy, whereas amicus gave English the much more congenial amicable (meaning "friendly" or "peaceful") and amiable (meaning "agreeable" or "friendly").
Example: "We've walked around the beautiful island as the often inimical sea sprayed the granite rocks and we've enjoyed an ice cream or a Devonshire tea and walked back, windswept and happy." — Peter Goers, The Advertiser (Australia), 15 May 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Iamatology

Study of remedies.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The Last Straw

Meaning: Also known as 'The Final Straw,' the phrase 'The Last Straw' is used to describe the last of a series of undesirable or unpleasant events that makes you come to the realisation that you can no longer accept a situation that has been worsening for a while. You can use the idiom 'The Last Straw' when something is deemed to be the last in a line of unacceptable occurrences.
Origin: The origin of the idiom 'the last straw' can be found in the old English proverb, "it is the last straw that breaks the camel's back." It was first seen around 1755, and many different forms of the statement were used between then and about 1836, with the suffering animal occasionally described as a horse or an elephant rather than as a camel.
Example: "She has been unhappy with him for a long time but when he crashed her car, it was the last straw."

QUOTE BOX

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

—Thomas Jefferson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HEAD HEAD HAED

Answer : Two heads are better than one.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Terrible Russian
5 Pygmalion, monogram
8 Make less painful
12 Decorate anew
13 Well-worn track
14 Microsoft's gaming console
15 Manner
17 Grow weary
18 Hefty sandwich
19 Greek island in the SE Aegean sea
21 Plume or pride oneself
24 12th month of the Jewish calendar
25 Turns informer; squeals
26 Chief support
30 John Lennon's Yoko ___
31 Brass woodwind musical instruments
32 S. American city __ Paolo
33 Irking or pestering
35 Peer
36 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
37 Bo ____ : No. 10 heroine ?
38 Found out
41 Of a female
42 Ever present as a prefix
43 Weird or hideous?
48 A pool of water at the foot of a waterfall
49 Vietnam, colloquially and in short?
50 Deprivation
51 An arm and _ __ (1,3)
52 __ Lanka : our southerly neighbour?
53 Himalayan myth

DOWN

1 Irish Rep. Army
2 Dachshund doc
3 Air Data Tester
4 Unmusical or unpleasing sounds
5 Garden denizen
6 New rose
7 British money
8 Exalts or panegyrizes
9 Ex-India all-rounder __ Ali
10 Annoyed
11 Former spouses
16 Large cask
20 Attila and his followers?
21 Malay sailing boat - "or pa" anagram?
22 ___ of Kutch : desert in Gujarat?
23 Harrow rival
24 Gains
26 Makes slightly damp
27 An old Russian ruler
28 Swiss river - change of "area"?
29 Egg yellow
31 Song of praise
34 Propelling a boat, rowing
35 Spookily
37 German article
38 "O all" could be a girl?
39 German name - "Mile" anagram?
40 Royal princess
41 Type of TV input
44 Household god
45 Digit
46 VT now
47 Horizontal Situation Indicator

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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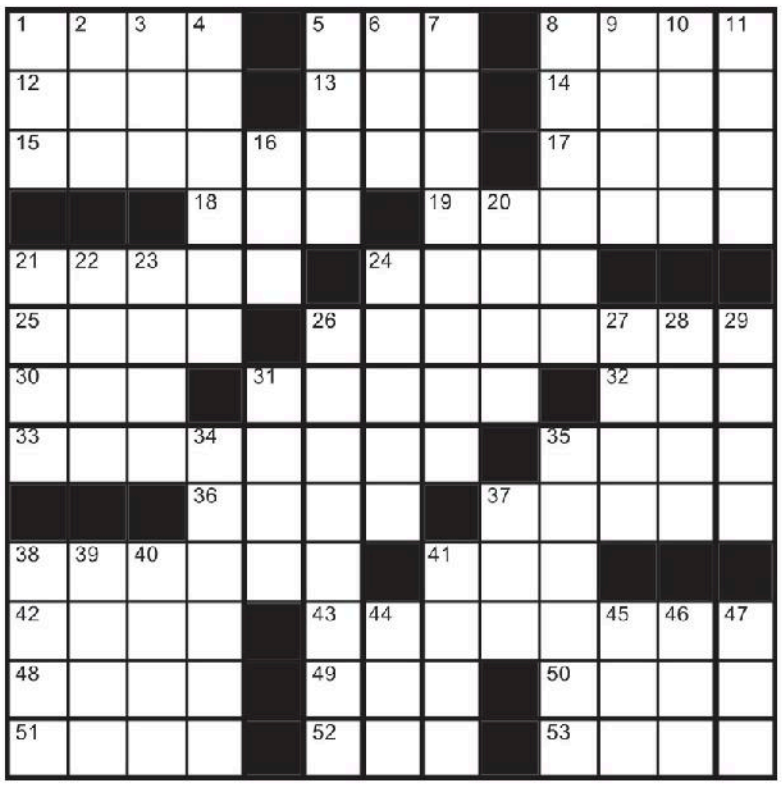

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	5	3	2	1	4	6	9
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3	2	6	4	5	8	9	1	7
1	9	7	2	6	3	5	8	4
5	8	9	1	3	2	7	4	6
7	6	4	5	8	9	1	3	2
2	1	3	6	7	4	8	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

W TQD EMQJWLWVR JU IV QIAV JU QFDTVM

YMUOYJAB. W DQWR W RUF'J HFUT - OQMH JTQWF

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness.

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0821 - 2331803

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Malavalli Taluk
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08234 - 285045
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District Helpline
08272 - 221077
Madikeri
08272 - 228396
Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328
Somarpet
08276 - 282045

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95386-74839
1077
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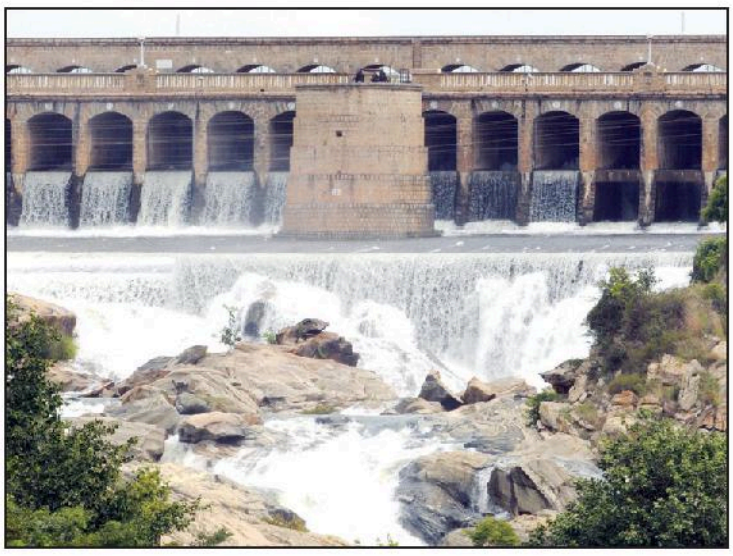
WADING INTO CONTROVERSY

Spat over cracks in KRS exposes cracks in camaraderie



Bengaluru, July 6 (KMS& BCT)- Karnataka politics hit a new low yesterday with an ugly episode where former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy targeted independent Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish in an unbecoming manner referring to her statements on cracks in Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam owing to illegal mining around the Dam.

Sumalatha had raised the issue of damage caused by illegal mining to the Dam at a recent District Development, Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting in Mandya.

The former CM distastefully said, "These meetings are meant to review the implementation of the Centre's schemes at the district-level but the MP was speaking about cracks in the Dam because of illegal mining. She is speaking as if she is the only protector of KRS. If the gates are leaking, make her sleep in front of the gates and prevent water from leaking."

Continuing, Kumaraswamy said, "Mandya never had an MP like her nor will get one like her in future. She has been elected on sympathy. Let her work properly. She will not get another opportunity like this. She is making statements out of personal hatred. People will not forgive her." "Officials have already examined the Dam and have said there are no cracks. People will give a befitting reply to Sumalatha in the next election," the former CM added.

Kumaraswamy's comments came soon after he led a delegation of MLAs to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to impress upon him that the State-owned MySugar (Mysore Sugar) factory in Mandya should not be leased out to private industrial units.

There were reports that the factory was to be leased out to a sugar baron in Yediyurappa's Cabinet and even Kumaraswamy had indicated that Sumalatha wanted privatisation of the factory.

Sumalatha hits back

Later in the day the first-time MP from Mandya Sumalatha sharply retorted to Kumaraswamy and said, "He should tender an apology for his derogatory comment. His statements reflected his culture. As a former CM, Kumaraswamy should know better not to make such personal comments on women."

She questioned, "Parliament election results in Mandya have proved whom the people wanted to teach a lesson. Leave aside that I'm an MP, making personal attacks against a woman — what kind of culture is this? You were a former CM, don't you have control over your language?"

"I have flagged concerns about the illegal mining around KRS several times and had even brought it to the notice of Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani. Illegal mining is a threat to the Dam. It is also causing huge losses to the State exchequer. I have never pointed out any names concerning this issue. But some people get agitated when I talk about illegal mining," Sumalatha added.

Who is involved in mining an open secret

"Due to the rampant stone mining in the region, KRS Dam developed cracks. I have information that the Dam developed cracks. Only an investigation by experts can reveal the truth. However, local politicians are not allowing any kind of inspection by the experts," she said.

"Nobody likes to see the Dam damaged. I have not mentioned any names but still some people get angry whenever I speak about illegal mining. It is an open secret in Mandya on who is involved in illegal mining," she added.

"She is speaking as if she is the only protector of KRS. If the gates are leaking, make her sleep in front of the gates and prevent water from leaking. Mandya never had an MP like her nor will get one like her in future. She has been elected on sympathy. Let her work properly."

—H.D. Kumaraswamy, former CM

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—Sumalatha Ambarish, Mandya MP

Privatising MySugar

She clarified that she was not pushing for handing over the MySugar factory to private parties. The MP said that she had only requested the Chief Minister to open the factory following an appeal by farmers.

"I only want the factory to restart. I am not part of the Government to say how it should be restarted. Any model that will enable reviving the factory would be good. What did he (Kumaraswamy) do to revive the factory when he was the CM," she asked.

Kumaraswamy and Sumalatha have shared a bitter relationship after Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy was trounced in Mandya by Sumalatha by over a margin of 1.25 lakh votes. It was a humiliating defeat for the former CM despite being in power in Karnataka and having JD(S) MLAs in all constituencies in Mandya.

'No leakage at KRS Reservoir'

Tumakuru, July 6 (UNI)- Against the backdrop of the Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish's statement on the leakage at KRS Reservoir, Mines and Geology Minister **Murgesh Nirani** on Monday clarified that there was no mining activity around KRS and no leakage in the Dam.

Speaking to media here, he said that there has been no mining activity around the Reservoir since the last few years and there is no leakage. He said as precautionary measures have been taken around 10-km radius, there was no threat to the Dam.

Hitting back at former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy for personal attacks against Sumalatha, Nirani said, it shows his "culture and personality."

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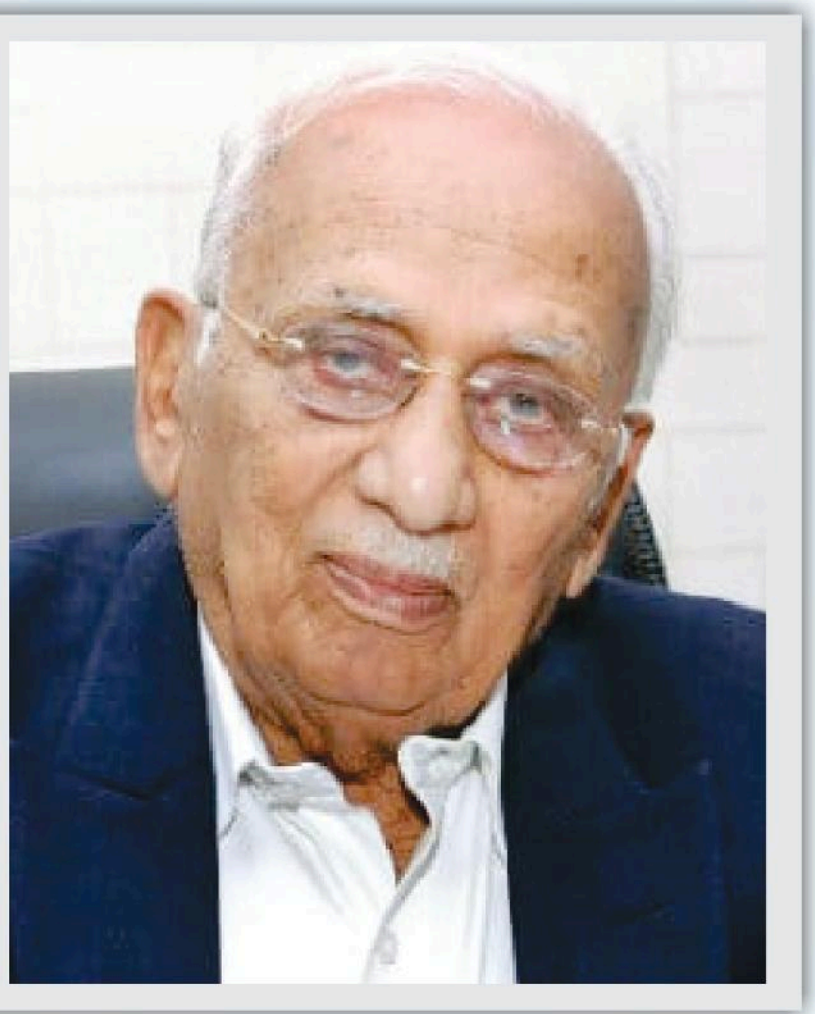

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